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Sir:

In compliance with 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicant hereby cites to the Commissioner the patents noted in the attached PTO Form 1449 in connection with the above identified U.S. application. For your convenience, copies of the cited references are enclosed herewith. Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to consider the patents and other documents cited in this Statement.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees due in processing this Statement or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2550. One additional copy of this paper is attached.

If the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspects of this application, the Examiner should call the undersigned attorney who represents the applicant.

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